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GEORGE D. BENEDICT PAPERS

1863: April-June

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Suffolk April 2th 1863

Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hearty at paesent and hope these lines will find you all the same I am supernumerary to day and expect to go on lamp guard tomarrow my tent males are all out on Picket to day it is very windy today but Clear and pleasent the Sand flies equal to Snow in york State in a windy day oh how nasty our pickets brought in a Rebel prisoner this morning that deserted the rebel army I Saw them they were poorly Clad and said they did not have half enough to eat we are Sining the pay Roole to day which we have to do every time before we git pay we expect Some pay tomarrow or very Soon the troops are in Good health now Eleander Kingsborn is our cook now of Angelica

we have lots of very fine music here
I have become acquainted with Mr
Ames of Angelica he is a good Chri
stian man I believe he is in our
Company he and I have a great meny
good Chats together he tents within
4 rods of me I have got a suite of
number of good friends in the Regiment
and I am glad of it C April 4th
my Dear wife I am well I came off
of Camp guard this morning and to
night it Snows very fast it
has been very windy for a day or two
and the Sand flew like snow in the
winter it is all quiet here yet
Sarah my Dear wife I found my
hat all rite in the box I received
your letter last friday dated March
29th and was happy and thankful to
hear that you were all well and had
seen Mr Swartwood I wrote uncle
Norman a letter along time Since and
have not Received any answer yet

and Sarah you did not write as
they said any thing about receiving
a letter from me So I think it must
have been mis carried you wanted
me to write about Lieut Col Thorp
whether drinks or not he does drink
and Some times gits the worse for licker
I am Sorry to say it but it is So but
we like him very well other wise
he double Quicks us I rather to much
we Some times fear that he will drink
to much and be unfit to lead us into
battle I have not heard any thing more
from the boys Since Mr Cook gave
me the letter from Samuel about
about one week ago they were well
then I have nothing more at pesent
Sarah give my Respects to all
write often your Husband
George, L. Benedict

Suffolk . Vill April 25th

my Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same, I recd your letter last friday dated, Apr. 19. and. 12 and. 18. and I was very glad to hear from you once more and I was very thankful to hear that you had received your money and I am going to send ~~twenty~~ twenty dollars more, the war ~~n~~ news here is that the Rebels have not made any demonstration here yet only with small arms we are in gun shot of each other and they have dug some rifle pits Knights under the cover of darkness and their sharp shooters git into them to pick off our gunners but and and our men stand in our rifle pits and fouets and shoot at the rebels they kill and wound once an a while one on both sides but not often our folks sent to house of 4. thousand yesterday to see what they could find all tha I have heard from them is that they drove the Rebels and

lock 65 prisoners and 2 Cannon no more to
day April the 26 it is a very pleasent
Sabath morning Dear wife I am well this
morning and hope these few lines will find you
the Same we have no general ingagement yet
but we understand that the Rebels had
60 thousand when they first came here
and we heard lastnite that Stone wall
jackson had joined them with a force of
11 thousand we heard their music friday
knigtht as plane as Could be we heard our
pickets and the Rebel pickets talk to
gether lastnight and agreed to exchange
newspapers to day our whole Company has
left Camp and come down to the fort and
we are all togather now and expect to
Stay to the ft until the this Campeign
is over we are to garison the fort there
10 of us detailed for picket we have 2
picket posts close to the fort, 2 of us
on a post and A corpeal we stand 2
at a time and we Relieve each other
once in 2 hours us, 10, are to picket every

knight Study along and we ~~and~~
are free from all other duty we
only have to Stand 2 hours apiece
once in 24 hours and all the rest of
the time we have to our Selves it
is not hard but we expect everyday
when we Shall have A general ingage
ment our folks throw Shells into their
Camp fire every day but what effect
it has I do not know we have fly
tents at the front and I have new
tent mates now 3 of us Mr Ames of
Angelica and Simeon Bennet of
of Short track and myself Mr Ames
is A preacher and belongs to the Close
Baptis, perhaps you are some acquainted
with Mr. Bennet he is a very good and
believe Mr Ames is a good christian man
I am well Suited with the change
for Walls was very disagreeable but
but the Allen Boys are good boys and
generally we picket together on the
same post, Geo Briggs the 2 Allens

home and too in Buckingham
Angelina we not heard
from the man said here many
more at present yours in haste Sarah
you and Sister look most new
it will warn her to write write
often and remember me to Emilie

P.S. Now I enclose 2 dollars in
this letter which I hope you
will get safe as soon as you
get it yours B.

Rapid R [illegible] Mar 2. 63

My dear wife I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am [illegible] and well, [illegible] and hope these lines will find you in the same [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] we marched [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] have not opened on us with
any thing and small arms not [illegible]
[illegible] not but one cannon or two
[illegible] than we are still in ticket
[illegible] and returned no general engagement
[illegible] place [illegible]
[illegible] expecting of our [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in camp yet no more to day
[illegible] my dear wife I am alive and
well at it is a very pleasant [illegible]
morning and every thing seems to be
very quiet this morning the rebel
ship Sheldon fired upon us
very brisk last night from their rifle
pits our pickets opened on them with small
[illegible] which soon silenced them we [illegible]
stand the [illegible] [illegible]
in the rear and [illegible] [illegible]
the 13th are all right [illegible] [illegible]
not left but one man killed from
our [illegible] you tenting with the
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

he will nothing more from the boys nor
upon the river Frank, I think the most
of that I have served you and my
[illegible] and I hope he will
[illegible] a nice boy [illegible]
in Frank. So we shall be
[illegible]
and hard and I keep healthier than
[illegible] me I intend to get me
[illegible] and send it home as soon
as I can and see if I can recover one
I want you to keep up good courage
and do the best you can I will send
you some more money as soon as I get
it Frank write more boys particular
about home as you can to save
your [illegible] morning and evening
I am going to apply for furlough
to come home in the course of
2 3 months if I can I have no news
news to write as I know of if any thing
new takes place I will write soon as po
sible I have just been out into the
[illegible] the sun and the rebels talk

together they stood on top of their
and [illegible] with our men ~~[illegible]~~
left in the lowlands and on the
[illegible] [illegible] men of
[illegible] in Dispatch [illegible] they are
[illegible] make it is very
warm here [illegible] they are having
and vegetation is coming [illegible]
[illegible] have nothing more at present
French Bugs now write as usual
[illegible] my respects it appears in
[illegible] [illegible] & Kendrick

Suffolk Va. May 4th

My Dear wife. will write a few hasty lines to let you know that I am well at present and unharmed as it is all quiet to day and not a rebel to be seen we suppose they all left the place last night we heard that Longstreet is advancing on them between Fredricksburgh and Richmond and that they have come to help the rebels against the Hooker our folks sent out a force yesterday and attacked them and drove them back about 4 miles and we heard that they recd orders last night about 11 O'clock to go and reinforce their men against Hooker our men sent out a force this morning to see if there was any Rebels about we have not heard from them yet our loss yesterday in killed and wounded was 100 the Rebel loss not known. we recd orders this morning to have

" three days rations in our haver sacks and be ready to march at 3 o'clock this after noon if called upon a scouting men came in a few minutes ago and brought the news [illegible] killed [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible] 2 [illegible] and [illegible] killed [illegible] more [illegible] pieces of artillery and our men found over 200 dead dead rebels on one place and lots of dead [illegible] all through in woods [illegible] have just heard from our men that went out this morning they bring in lots of prisoners and say there is no rebels between here and Black water our men went across the river today and found the body of Sylvester he was buried about 6 inches below the surface of the ground he was shot in the mouth our men are gone now to take him up and bury him with the rest he belonged to Co. F 18th Regt

I do not know whether we will have to march or not if an engagement takes place I will write as soon as possible I will give you more particulars when I can and have time no more at present

Your affectionate son C. Benedict

Suffolk Va May. 11. 63

my Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that in and through the tender mercy and goodness of God I am yet alive and well and I hope these few lines will find you all enjoying the Same blessing we are all in Camp agin and we are all well. B. Shute was Sent to Fortress Monroe with the rest of the Sick I have heard from him once or twice he is agiting better I believe it is very warm hear now but there is Some Cool breases wich make it very Comfertable it is very quiet here Since the Rebels left the prospect is now that we Shall stay here awhile to hold the place there are from 20. to 25. thousand troops here now in these fortifications we hear that they are fiting very hard at Fredrickburgh but we do not hear any reliable news we have heard agreat meny diferent reports but nothing reliable but we

hope that Hooker will whip them out
we have heard some very good war news
long back your paper perhaps tells
you all about it I saw Vet. Peavy to
day he was well I saw John Adams a
aday or two since he was well I saw
Serg. Barret of Belmont aday or 2 since
he was well, B. Fareckiles he was well
I have heard any thing more from the
boys near Washington nor our folks down
the River I recd your last letter last
Thursday and was very glad to hear from
you all again Sarah my Dear wife I
miss you very much when my close
want washing and mending and in a
great meny other respects my close were
kept in good order when I was at home
and my victuals were cooked clean
and good we have enough to eat now
but o how some of it is cooked
Marillia wanted to know if my Box
was all gone it is most all gone except
alittle tea and black pepper but I can

git plenty of black tea from the Cooke
Room we had an inspection last Sabbath
of arms and Clothing and with white
gloves on all in very nice order on
the Governments expense and boots and
Shoes all Blacked nice we go out on dress
every night about 6 oclock in that
Stile I have nothing much new to
write the trees are all leaved oute
and the aple trees have ben in blosom
Some 2 weeks since thare is no body
doing any Spring worke for our ~~army~~
army have destroyed All the fenses
abot Suffolk and all Bettween here
and Black water and burnt all the
Buildings between here and B. water
I have nothing more at pacsent
Sarah give my respects to all write
as usual your Husband Geo. D. Benedict

Mrs. Geo. Benedict
Belvidere
Allegany Co
N. Y.

[redacted]

Suffolk May 14th. 63

my Dear wife I take this opertunity to inform you that I am well at present and I hope these few lines will find you all the Same I have just Come in from Picket on the Black water Road all safe and Saw no Rebs it is the first time I have been out on Picket Since the Rebs left here it is all quiet hear now while we wre out on Picket yesterday there were 12 Regiments of infentry passed by us they were Going towards Blackwater we were Surpriged for we did not know as any of the Suffolk troops were under marching orders there were about 2 hundred Cavelry and 2 Bateries of Artilery they had 12, or, 14, Cannon, where they they were going or what for we did not know they took lots of Provision and hay for their teems and Bagage waggons and ambulance waggons, but we

the 130. as Good luck Seems to be on our Side yet Stay here and are not under marcking orders and the prospect is that we Shall Stay here awhile now. there is a man in our Company that recd a letter from his cousin at Fredericksburgh he was there during the late Battle ~~he~~ I Saw the letter and heard it red the letter was daited, May 8th and the letter Stated that, Willier Haver was killed he was Shot through the head and his Brother Stoped to help him and was took prisoner by the Rebels and the other Brother was captin and the was cashiered and Sent home the letter Stated that the army of the Potomack was defeated again at Fredericksburgh and that Hooker was paid out we have heard a great meny diferent rumers abot their fiting there but nothing reliable yet I have

not heard any thing more from brother Benjamine and Bro. Samuel nor from our folks down the river the troops here are in good health generally we have heard nothing from the troops that went out yesterday Sarah my Dear wife I feel very thankful that I am alive and well yet and to hear that you are alive and well yet I have not heard from Shute lately tell Mr. Ingles that Jo is well my old chums are all alive and well Sarah I want you to keep up good Courage and do the best you can until I return to you again the Good Lord will take care of us if we put our trust in him nothing more to day May 15th my Dear wife I am well this morning and I hope these lines will find you the same it is very fine warm weather here now, we heard from the troops Lamite that went

out daybefore yesterday to Blackwater
we heard they ~~had~~ had taken Franklin
that is alittle viladge the other Side
of Blackwater we heard heavy Cannon
ceing in that direction yesterday after
noon the army all Seems to be in
motion as though Something is going to
be done and I hope thare will be, I
did not receive your letter yesterday
as usual but I Shall look for it every
day until it comes Sarah you have done
first rate thus far in writing to me
often I have reed A letter from you
almost every thursday & have missed but
1 Came on friday I think I have reed
all of your letters but one and that
was the one you Sent with tea in it
I never reed that it is all quiet
here now I have nothing more to
write at present Sarah I want you to
write all the news you know and how you
are getting along give my respects to all
~~your~~ Yours Husband Geo. D. Benedict

[illegible]

Hartford Dec, I. R. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the very [illegible]

[illegible] on both sides [illegible]

[illegible] killed and wounded [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hawkins Lieut. [illegible] and Henry [illegible] were ordered to fill [illegible] kind seems to make [illegible] to make another [illegible] Tuesday by [illegible] [illegible] to another school by the [illegible] [illegible] to buy.

[illegible]

[illegible] 23rd [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] morning [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] last night on the picket post and had

[illegible] for the

[illegible] morning [illegible]

[illegible] and Dunkirk. [illegible] up the pil-

ing [illegible] and [illegible] troops

have been and there [illegible] weeks [illegible]

[illegible] Towards [illegible] going [illegible] the 8.

classicals Regiments time is [illegible] and

the [illegible] go home tomorrow our troops are

taking up the railroads to prevent the rebs

from using it and to prevent them from

using the iron to pass with we heard this

morning that our had [illegible] taken [illegible]

Colonel Jackson [illegible] not know where it is

[illegible]

[illegible] Sarah and Alexander with

your Husband, yours [illegible]

29. 30 mi. Lieu [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[26 May 1863]

[illegible] me [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to write on [illegible] of
[illegible] absence from Camp [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] write [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] Washington [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] Friends
[illegible] [illegible] to write
[illegible] the Chance to
[illegible] but [illegible] to
[illegible] them [illegible] Can [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Grant is [illegible] to do something at
Vicksburg, the prospects are that the
Rebels there appear to be closing
their [illegible] and march [illegible]
Grant [illegible] them but he
refused to accept of their offer but
must have [illegible] unconditional surrender

[illegible]

[illegible] we do not know but hope it
will [illegible] and will carry us
[illegible]
[illegible]
for [illegible] more than ever
[illegible] 70 years in
[illegible] at his [illegible]
time and it is my firm faith
that God will give me [illegible]
[illegible] that the end will [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]" and
do not see [illegible] but that we shall
[illegible] but we do not know yet what
[illegible] more at [illegible] time and
[illegible] write all the news
Your [illegible] A. Bendel

[illegible]

[illegible] 2 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[

[illegible]

Continued on the next sheet

[illegible] 3 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] woman to make it [illegible]
[illegible] to rest, and then [illegible]
[illegible] to men, girls and girls [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

[illegible]

[illegible] mind with the [illegible]
and clothes washed out or cut
[illegible] in dissolution and wash
[illegible] then we need to take
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] we should [illegible]
[illegible] nothing will be well
done until [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] Husband Geo. L. Benedict

[illegible]

[illegible] Thankful [illegible] and it [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] miles and [illegible]

[illegible]

Hospital [illegible] 15 [illegible]

My Dear [illegible]

alive and well am here [illegible]
Fredericksburg a hard 8 days
march we had [illegible]
time [illegible] a rest till
[illegible] received [illegible]
I do not feel [illegible] and my
[illegible] from you again
I cannot write but a few lines
to you now feel enough to sit
up but not matter of [illegible]
[illegible] to camp to do
[illegible] and then we
[illegible] to report to
[illegible] Harrisburg
[illegible] write more and
also [illegible] home. I think
you had better not write to
me again until you hear from
me expect we are to start from
here morning and have got
to stop and pack up [illegible]

Mrs. Geo. Benedict
Belvidere
Nelson Co.
Va.

Yorktown Va
June the 21. 1863 Dear wife
I take this opertunity to inform
you that I am alive and well
and we now lay in Yorktown
site on the Yorke River we
are now in camp we left Suf
folk last friday nite about Sunset and
took the Cars and went to
Norfolk we got there at 10
oclock and took the Steamboat
and the next morning we landed
in Yorktown but I donot know
how long we shall stay here
we are under marching orders
now to go to Williams port
there is a quite a fuss about our
being turned ~~over~~ over into
Cavelry but I do not now
how it will be yet.
I have heard nothing more

from the boys at Washington
I saw John Adams this morni
ng he was well we are about
one hundred Miles nearer home
than we ~~we~~ were at Yorktown
I cannot write any favorable
war news we have got a God
health, Camp ground and
good water we are encamped
in a large peach orchard and
within a few rods of a large
Bay in the Yorke River Yorke
town is a quite a town it
is well filled Contrabands
it is a fine Country here the
land is good and the Crops loo
ks well and we get water to as
good a Spring as ours only
it is not quite as Cold I
have nothing more to write
at present but I will again
the first opportunity

Sarah Direct your
next letters to Washington
I.e. Yorktown

June the 25 1863

my Dear wife I am alive and well yet and I thank the Lord for it we are Marching westward towards Richmond but I do not no where we are going we are now about 8 miles west of Williamsburg little South of the potomack River we have passed through McClellan old Battle ground at yorketown and williamsburg I suppose we are a going to the Chickahoming River to join with General Keys they Their are plenty of Rebs there and perhaps we Shall see some fight there I have not time to write but few lines to you now direct your letters to Washington D.C. 130 Regt.

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July 3th 1863 Bellview

My Dear wife I take his opperlunity to inform you that I am well and hearty at present and I hope these few lines will find you the same we left white house landing last wednesday the first day of July we marched about 12 miles in large forese within about 2 miles of Chickahominy and formed the line of Battle and our Battery shelled the Rebs little

and got no Reply by artillery
their infantry fired at our Cavalry
and killed one man dead I
believe that was all, we lay
there all night and the next mo
rning we Started back and
~~we~~ went 6 Miles and Camped and
we lay about 4 Miles from White
House landing Some of our
troops and the Rebels Skirmi
shed a little on Some other Ro
ad and killed a few on both
sides I did not learn the numb
er the Regiment is in good
health Generaly I have not
received any letter from you
this week and I did not expect
any but I shall look for one
next week, more to day July the 4
my Dear wife I feel very thank
ful that I can take my pen in
hand to inform you that I

well and hope these few lines
will find you the same, we, Co
G, just come in from picket
I was on the out post with 8
other men and we were kept
awake all night because the first
pickets of Co. G. that were posted
on a Cross Road and before we
posted on the out post we heard
the Report of 2 guns a little
distance from the first post and
in a very few minutes the news
came to our post that one of Co
G men was wounded there were
2 Rebel Cavelry rushed up
and fired at them and then
turned and Rode rapidly away
one of them hit one of our and
wounded him ~~Slight~~ Slitely
in the Shoulder his name is
Dandliof Angelica we remain
at the aforesaid Camp yet

but what we shall go I do not
now nor where we do not now
but are liable to leave any
day I sent you a letter at
Yorktown and another half
way between there and Willia
msburg and another at Willia
msburg I have not seed any letter
from you this week but the
reason why I did not I expect
is because I wrote you when
I left Suffolk not to write
again until you heard from
me I shall look for a letter
now every day until I get one
our rations are sent to us now
from Yorketown we draw hard
Crackers and raw porke and Coo
k it our selves we draw Coffe
Sugar beans and Cook them
our selves and we go out and
pick Black Berries and put, on

[3 July 1863]

little Sugar on them and they are very good we find old Cant teens and take them open and one makes 2 frying pans to to fry our meat in Some have small frying pans that they bought which are very handy Sarah I have not heard any thing from the Boys since I wrote you nor from down the river we left John Hadoms to the White House landing he got poisned some how so his face was swelled up so he could not scarcely see out of his eyes I must close my letter for want of time Sarah direct your letters to Washington D C at present

George D. Benedict

THE PRIDE OF FREEMEN.

July 6th Believe: to my Dear wife I am yet alive and well and I hope these few lines will find you the same we are hear in Camp yet it is a Good place we have good water and plenty to eat we drew new Bread Salt pork fresh Beef Salt & sugar Coffe and hard Crackers yesterday and the best of all there Came a Chaplin into our Regiment yesterday destributed Some little Books and he joined the Regiment and Sang a hymn and talked a little and mad a prayer which was all Real good and then he left he belonged Some other Regiment the Regiment is in good

health and good Spirits now
we received news yesterday that
Bebel Lee army was badly
whiped and that our troops had
6. thousand prisoners from him
and a great many other things, and
that vicksburgh has Surrendered but
but I do not know whether it is Reliab
le or not but I hope So I have not heard
any thing from the the Boys Since
I wrote you nor from down the River
I guess they have all forgotten me I do
not have but little time to write
we have been Called into line of
Battle a number of times Since we
have been here there are Bush
whackers around here they fire on
our pickets and our pickets fire on
them and that alarms the Camp
and then they will hurel us into line
of Battle and keep us there until
they find out what the matter is and then

July 7th 1863 Bellview

Eighteen Miles from Richmond we lay here in Camp getting my dear wife I can say to you that I am yet alive and well after making about 4 weeks march we have heard that Lee has got badly whipped besides some other union victories and I hope the rebellion will go speedily down so that we poor soldiers that live through it can return to their dear homes again nor tell you it is no small thing to be a soldier I am out on picket now and having to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am alive and well and all to spare we are met we every day when we shall receive orders to moove again I have not had the pleasure of shooting at a Rebel since have been marching nor seeing one neither

have been fired at by one
It is rumored that we are going
back to the white House landing
which is 14 Miles from here but I do
not know how it will be but the
prospect is that we shall move
from here where I write all
the politics for the rest of
of time There are few men on
on the fort and one stands at
a time one hour each morning
we are on the out post about
one mile from camp the Troops
are in good health generally we
have attacked over McClellan all
Battle ground between yorktown and
Richmond we are about 50 miles
north west of yorktown and 190 miles
from Richmond on the Peninsula
we have good water here better
than at Suffolk Ben Shute
is at the Hospital at fortMonroe

Then say he has been troubled with the liver complaint besides his wound but is getting better now I have wrote your 3 letters which I hope not been answer from you but I am working for one and then I may not hear anything from any of our friends since I wrote you last I have found out the Mittle of last month as high as my hand and I picked chestnuts almost as big as Robins Eggs within about 2 miles of the Chickahominy River Sarah you must excuse all of my blunders and bad writing and bad spelling for we harrased almost all the time some way or another, now Sarah direct your letters to Washington at present write as often as you can give my respect to all George D Benedict

July 15 the 63 Fredrick City
Maryland my Dear wife
I now take my pen in hand
to inform you that I am well at
present and hope these few lines will
find you the Same we lay at Fred
rick City in large fource the Coun
tery is fine here and the water is
good and we are within, 20. Miles
of Pensylvania line over half way
home we are within 20. Miles of
Lees army but it was rumored last
nite that he had Crossed the Potomack
River and got away but whether it
is true or not we do not know I Sup
pose I pased by Benjamine and
Sand at Washington but did not stop
long enough to go and see them
I have not heard any thing from
them in a long time we do not
know how Soon we Shall leav here
nor how long we Shall Stay here
but I will write as often as I can
we have been marching so long and

So much that I have not had time to write much we heard this morning that half of Newyork City was burnt by the Copper heads in Consequence of drafting we have not drawn any more pay but hope we shall soon, we left Suffolk and took the Cars and went to Norfolk and then took the Steem boat and went to Yorkelown and then we made a march up the Paninsula 50 Miles and back again to yorktown and then we we ordered to report to Washington we took the Steem boat and went to Washington and then we took the Cars again and went to Fredrick City where we are now, so you see we have not had much time to write I have not received any letter from you since at the White house landing which is about 50 Miles from yorktown up the paninsula

I am looking for a letter now
every day until I get one Vicks
burg is ours and a good share
of Lee's army according to all
accounts our march up the Panin
Sula was to draw the Rebs aten
you So they would not reinforce
Lee the war news has been very
favorable along back but how it
will terminate I do not know but
I hope all right & if I ever Stop
any where again to Stay any leng
th of time I will write all the pe
ticulars I have wrote you Some
5. or 6. times Since we left
Suffolk but I am afraid they
have not reached you we have Seen
Some hard times a marching the
last Blackwater we made was
very hard it was So very hot dry
and dusty there were 3. or 4 men
Sun Struck and died by the road
side on the way back but the

Regiment is in good health
except a very few that are at
the hospital at Fortress Monroe
Sarah I do not whether you
can read my letter or not it is so
badly written but you must read
what you can and guess at the
rest for it was done in great hast
Sarah write all the news you
know I must close my letter
So no more at present write
Sarah direct your letters to
Washington D.C. at present
George D Benedict

Town of Berlin Maryland July 18th

my Dear wife I take this oppe
tunity to inform you that I am
well at present and I hope these few
lines will find you the Same we are
lying at Berlin now within 11 Milles
of Lees army we hear from them
now every day we learn that Lees
army is very ~~bad~~ badly Stove up
he Certainly lost a great many men
in Crosing the Potomack Because I
I Saw a man that was in the Engage
ment & it was Beels that layed
Shutes and Kenedy arck I Saw
him to day and he told me all about
it Some of our boys went to the 136
~~mo~~ Newyork they saw Jry Peckham
he was well they lay only 1½ Mil
es from us they have gone now to Harpe
rs ferry we are under marching orders
now to go to Harpers Ferry we expect
if we go we expect to go in Lees rear
with a large and thare is a large force
in his front now they are giving him fits

they say it is imposible for him to
git away without being Completely
Cut to peices and wiped out I hope
it will be the Case for I want to go
to my Sweet home again Oh. Dear
home how Sweet oh how I long
for the, my Dear wife. Child and
Mother the war news are first rate
now and I hope it will Continue bete
and better ~~it~~ untill the war will
be Closed up and we few that are
Spared may be permitted to return
to their near and Dear families
Sarah I have not received a letter
from you, Since we were at the White
House landing Some 3 or 4 weeks
ago I want one very much and I am
looking for one every day, Jay. Peck
ham Come to our Camp to day I
Saw him and talked with him
is well I have had the diarreah
3 or 4 days perty bad but I took
black Pepper plenty and I am agitting

better, the water is very good
hear we are within a half Mile
of the Potomack river and very close
a Canall and railroad but we expect
to leave hear tomarrow morning if the
orders are Countermanded if any chan
ge takes place I will write you
we left Frearick City on the 16 of
July at Sun set we marched all
night and the next day until about
12. o'clock the next day and arrived
at Berlin thare is a very large force
here to follow up Lees army till
they use them up I do not know wh
ether you get my letters or not I
have wrote you every Moove we have
made as many as 5 or 6 letters which
I have not received any answer from
Sarah I do not think you are to
Blame in the least but in Conse
quence of our marching so much
tell Mr. Peckham that I saw Jay
today he was well his Regiment

were a going to leave here at
7 O'clock this evening he did not
know wdre they were going, I must
bring my letter to a close and atten
to my other matters. Sarah Direct
your letters to Washington D.C.
at present George. D. Benedict

Warrenton Va July 28th 1863

my Dear wife I am well at present and I hope these lines may find you the Same I received 2 letters from you to day oh how glad I was to hear from my Blessed wife once more for I had not had a letter in Some 3 or 4 weeks oh how glad I was to hear from you again thank the good Lord for it, we left a few detached men to Suffolk the effect of our 7 days to Suffolk was to draw the Rebels attension thare to keep them from Reinforcing Lee So as to give our troops a better Chance, Ben Shute is at Fortress Monroe and Simeon Bennet they went thare sick but I understand they are better and thare has ben one or 2 left at diferent places whare we have been they were unable march we are now lying at Warrenton Va it is a quite a large viledge nice viledge we may Stay here Some time and we may leave in 2 days we do not know we have god water here and it is a good place Mr Loveland my old tent mate is here and very Sick we think he has got the Consumption and Can not live I Saw him to day he looks very bad indeed Mr Homes is well and all of my old tent mates, no more to day

July 29th my Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present and I hope these few lines will find you the same we are lying at Warrenton City now in a very good place we do not know how long we shall stay here but we expect

not long we have not drawn any more pay yet but
expect it soon they say we are agoing to draw some
very soon our defect in leaving Suffolk was to join
the army of the Potomack to defeat Lee I suppose we
left our knapsacks to Fredrick City I with all of our
Clothing in them except a change of shirts and socks
which Cary with us we came here Saturday night we
have lost one man out of our Regiment he died yesterday
he tired out marching and they put him into the
bagage wagon and jolted him so bad that it killed
him he belonged to Co D he was about 28 years old
he was from near Jim he left a Dear wife and one
Child we left John Adams at the white House landing
he had got pisoned so his face was swelled so bad
he could scarcely see out of his eyes I have seen nor
heard from him since Serg Barret I have not seen
in some time I think he was took sick and left on
the way some whare Ben Shute is at Fortressmonroe
I do not now how he is giting along I do not much
from him Corp. Brown went thare to sick from
yorktown he has not been with us since and I
have not heard from him I do not wish him
any bad harm but I hope he will not return to
the Company again for he is a drinking swearing
quick tempered fellow the Company most all
hate him Randcapool went thare to sick from
yorktown I have not seen nor heard from him
since I do not know whare old Lee is now we
do not hear much about him lately but they say
his army is all Cut to peices I know that our
men have taken a Great meny paisoners because
I have seen some of them no more at present Sarah
write Direct to Washington, D.C. Geo. D. Benedict

Warenton. City Va
July. 31. the 1863.

my Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am alive and well yet and hope these few lines will find you all the same we are lying at Warenton City yet and having a Good time and a Good rest and all the Black berries we can eat and Both green and dried apples we can eat and Sugar to Sweeten them with I recd. 2. letters from you Since we have ben here one dated July 6th and the 20. and I was very Glad to hear from you again I have wrote you 2. Since here and I hope you have recd them. I. Suppose we are a going into Cavelry Sure and if we do we take the Cars here and go Back to Washington or between Washington and baltimore and there drill a while it is Colonel Gibbes doings

fuiting us into Cavelry Some
of the Regiment are agoing
to Send Home after Horses
if I go thare Sarah my Dear
wife if I cannot come Home
I am a going to have you come
thare and See me no more to
day Dec 2th 63 my Dear wife
I am well this Sabath morning
we left Warrenton yesterday and
Marched South East near Warrenton
junction and Camped for the night
we do not know when we Shall
leave here we are liabl to leave
any hour, we heard heavy Can
nonading lastnight which was
Said to be at Culpep. they Say
they were fiting thare all day
yesterday we have have not heard
the rest yet we are with Gener
al Meads head Quarters yet
thare is some talk that we the
130 Reg are a going into Cave
lry But we dor not know

how it will be yet acording to the newspapers and all other report the war news is very favorable now our folks are whiping the Rebs at every point we by now near warrento a junction which is 9 Miles from warenton City I have recd but 3 letters from you since we left Suffolk I recd one at the white House landing and 2 at Warenton City the latest one was dated July 20th and the other July 6th I am lookin for more every day the Regiment are in good health now I have not heard a word from the Boys since I left Suffolk nor from any the rest of our friends you take the paper you get war news perhaps more Correct than we do for we are marching and do not get the news every day

Aug. 8th 1863 Manassas Junction
Bulls Run My Dear wife I
take this opportunity to inform
you that I am well and hearty at
present and I hope these few lines
will find you all the same we have
been marching the most of the time
since we left Suffolk and we have
not seen any Rebels nor shot at
any nor any of them have shot
at us we are now lying at the
Manassas Junction in Camp
we are under Generals Meads Com
mand but we the 130 Regt are
Released from all Army Duty
for a long time. Because we are
going to be turned over into
Cavelry Shure, and Colonel Sh
orp has gone to York State
now and took 9 men with him
to By Cavelry horses for the
Regiment they are to be taken
to Portage Station and there the
Government pays for them and they

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are put aboard of the Cars and Sent
to the Regiment, they Say we
have to Stay in Camp a long time
and drill we have a very Good
Camp Ground where we have
plenty of Green Apples to Stew
and very Good water and the
Regiment are in Good health
I have not received but 3 letters
from you Since I left Suffolk
one at the white house landing and
2 at Warrenton I have wrote you
Some 6 or 8 I am looking for
Some every day I want to hear
from you very much we have
just received 26 dollars of our pay
I owed the Sutler 200 which leaves
me 24 dollars which I shall send
you 20 dollars of I think there is
five Months pay due me now or
more and we expect Some more
Soon I have not time to write all
of the peticulars now but I will
write more Soon

oh Sarah my Dear wife I Can not tell you the destruction I have seen in this war I have seen a great deal of old Vir and some of Maryland and some of it is very nice and some very poor I think we will git each others Mail often now because we are within 28 miles of Washington I have not heard any thing more from any of our friends I want to hear from them very much they are talking some about furloughs but how it will be I do not know but I hope to git one I have aplied for one and Sergt Barret has to Capt Brown says he will do all he can for me to get one I will send you some money in my next I think your letters have been mis carried or delayed by the way or I should have got them I dont now as you have recd all of mine but I hope you have recd them all

Aug 9th 63 Manassas Junction
my Dear wife I take this Sabath
mornings opperlunity to inform you that
I am well and can eat my ration
the weather is very warm here it has
been so hot that we could not march
in the middle of the day and have
ben oblige to fall into the Shade and
lay there until it got Cooler we have
got a good Camp it is in a grove
and very nice Shade, Capt. Brum is
with us now he has been to the
hospital sick he is unwell now
and thinks he will go home and st
ay Ben Shute is at the hospital
sick yet Capt says he never
will be able to join the Regiment
again he is on lite duty now we
left our Sutler at Suffolk and
I whether he will be with us again
I do not know Oh Sarah I thank
God this morning that we are alive
and well yet Oh how I do want to
See you all we are to have meeting at

10 O'Clock to day in the Grove near the Camp we are drawing Soft bread again now it is very good we got it from Washington Sarah I want you to write to me all the the news you know and all about how you are a getting along Orvillia I want you to write me a Good letter you done very well before but I want you to take a little more paines and see if you Cant do a little better you must not take pattern after me because you have a better Chance to write than I do Sarah my Dear wife write often direct your letters to Washington D C I will write often now we have got Settled in Camp nomore at present

George D. Benedict

Nonesas Junction

October 23th on Sher
wife I take this opportunity
to inform you that I am
alive and well yet I received
your last letter dated October
the 4th and I was glad to hear
from you old Jo Lamy
has been in upon us and
we have had to march very
near double quick almost every
to keep him from flanking
us but we finally
drove them out, their loss
heavy but they tore up
Railroad & man killed from
our Regiment and some wounded
I cannot write the
particulars now for want
of time for we expect
every hour when we shall
leave here, October 26th 1868

my Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same the reason why I have not riten to you before is because I have not had time we have been marching a most all of the time for the last 2 weeks During the late Battle our Regiment made a charge on the reb all but 2 companies and that A was A. and L. was not in the fight our Regiment made a Charge on the Rebs and killed 7 and wounded a number more and drove them from the ground they have had some hard about our army has drove them a way point we are now in the first Camp we occupied in Manassas Junction

but how long we shall stay
here I do not know we have
marching to day towards Culpeper
I received your letter friday dated
Oct 19th and was glad to hear
from you that you had rec.d
the box and money that I sent
you I have seen the Battle
field oh how awful I have
not time to write any more
now I will write as often
as I can Write often
George L Bindiet

Camp near Culpeper 13th 1863

my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a letter from home [illegible] not
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a great [illegible] and I do not
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of time for we
have been marching the most
of the time since we left
Chancellorsville. we are now
lying at Culpeper but we are
under marching orders at
a moments warning. General
Meade has been filing Lee
and drove him back across
the Rappadan River
I expect we shall march on
and fight old Lee

and I hope you shall enjoy
life was
more favorable now
I think Sarah my Dear
wife I am writing to you
only with a pencil
I have no ink nor cannot
get any now I thank God
to day that I am yet alive
and well through so many
dangers as I have passed
through since I left you now
my prayers that the Lord
may sustain you and bless
I have time no more today
Nov. 13. Dear wife I am well
this morning and we are lying
at Quepos up the Tennessee
to recruit our health. Yesterday
we found the rebels fortified
before we reached the Raphanack
and drove them out

and about the Rebels and
the Rebels were 30 or 2
thousand strong. I guess
of the 15th corps in
Rome heavy big on
on both sides we are under
marching order and do not
know when day we shall
move we expect to go for
Atlanta to fight the
Johnny Reb. since
we left Nashville the
Rebels did not dare to
face us. Sherman the Rompin
Gallant Soldier and Dry
Goods is all right
I understand Anderson
has got his discharge and
gone home Sarah we
Sojers are breathed with the
Cold many times but our
time is fast running away

The Good Lord Bless you
and keep you in his mercy &c
Yours &c
[illegible]

Culpeper Nov. 18th

My Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same we are lying in Camp yet at Culpeper very near the Rapidan, the Regiment is in good health and in good spirits, But we do not know how soon we shall move I received your letter last week and was glad to hear from you

Nov 21 My Dear wife I am well at present and hope these lines will find [illegible] I received your letter Nov 16. and was glad to hear from you

We are lying at

[illegible] in Georgia
we left in Beaufort dis-
[illegible] we are doing quite
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [

fit some furlows this winter but I do not know how it will be we are in the county of the Potomack we draw our Rations now and Cook them our Selves except our Bread that we draw we pick up tin Cans in old Camps to make our Coffee in and we find plenty of old Canteens and soforth which we go we melt them apart and one makes a spider which answers very well to fry our meat in Jeg Boots and Jonnsolomy is all rite if we go into winter quarters I shall write now for some things the Regiment is in good health we only lost

I may be killed and I may be
called out of our Regiment
no more at present

Direct Your letters to

Lieut. G. Bradford Corby
the first Company Dragoons
Washington. D. C.

Camp near Culpeper C.H. Dec 18th 1863

my dear wife & children

[illegible]

[illegible] hope this finds

[illegible]

[illegible] which I

[illegible] 20, 10, inv

Each [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] tie

in line of the Rebel Camp

fires our Regiment guard

on picket is 2 squadrons 2

squadrons at a time, Co. B.

and Co. G. go together they

are on one hill go out about

8 miles from Camp

guard now it takes 30 in for

Camp Guard, 10, on each Relief

it is all quiet here now no

[illegible] it is thought
that we will be able to win the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Dec. 14 my dear wife &
our children we are to come
here yet but I am [illegible]
going [illegible] [illegible] near here
for [illegible] I tent with
the army of Virginia yet
and probably shall for the
winter I learn if Orville
can be of any service to
you She had better stay at
and try and learn what she

Come at home Sarah if you
think she might be any
help, we can keep her
at home, Dec 15th
my Dear wife I am still
this morning and hope
these lines will find
you the same
we are in Quite a
spell of warm weather going
into winter quarters
near and you may send
me a Box as soon as you
have a mind it will
be very acceptable Direct
it to Washington D. C.

Washington D. C. Dec
you may pay the transpor-
tation there and send me
the amount and I will
send it to you again
there were 2 Squadrons

of me we went out on a lea
on Monday and Tuesday we
hoeing all day and
down and did not see
any Reb and will inclose
10 dollars in this letter
to you no more at this
time Joseph Kennedy

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Rappahannock Jan 17th 1864

my Dear wife I take my pen
[illegible]
[illegible] you
[illegible]
[illegible] you
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I
[illegible] are in [illegible]
[illegible] now very comfortable
[illegible] duty
[illegible]
[illegible] Picket on
[illegible] and we are only about
[illegible] a mile apart
[illegible] on Picket
[illegible] and the rest
of [illegible] Corps are
[illegible] miles from Culpeper
and about 2 miles from the
Rappahannock River I have been
[illegible] from duty about 10 days
for the want of good Boots

The Cost that we draw from Government are weathips
for rip all to pieces and
[illegible] we have come
we have plenty to eat, due
[illegible] it is said there were
[illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]
on biscuit and Butter Bean
and nothing [illegible]
Dear wife Cook it, we draw
our Rations separate and
Cook them any [illegible] in our
[illegible] [illegible] we have
not [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] send one dozen pies
to [illegible] the [illegible] to the
Company Clerk and let
me [illegible] a pair of Boots large
Broad toes [illegible] Let the
Cost be what it may I will
send money enough to
pay all the expense

I am sorry to have you
to do so much trouble but
I see the Boat is about
ready to deliver in my letter
yesterday and I will send
few more lines by it as we
expect some more from
Soon and then I will do
more some more
Jan 18th my Dear wife
I need information that
I am well and hope this
letter will find you
the same I went out to
a Bigorna this morning
I got some venison
on the morning I did
not have any more
a mulatto brought a
piece of shoulder of venison
and left it to Camp and
I had some Bread and
milk it was good

[illegible] my
[illegible] me
[illegible] next
[illegible] good Conduct
[illegible] will [illegible] him
[illegible] if the
[illegible]
[illegible] we must [illegible]
in the Lord he [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] your
[illegible]
George D. Benedict (Benedict letter)

Rapidan. Va
Jan. 26. the 1864
my Dear wife I take
this opertunity to inform
you that I am well at
present and I hope these
few lines will find you
all the same it is very warm
mild weather here for the
season we hear no war
news of any importance
only the Rebel Solgiers
are a deserting every day
and coming into our lines
and declare that they will
fight against the union
my longer Sarah J. J.
Thorp is with us now
we do not like him at
all Because he drinks.
the officers most all
drink and Gamble

and do nt Regard the
Sabboth day atall. oh.
So much evil in the
army the Good Lord
have mercy upon us
all Sarah my Dear wife
I have not had a letter fro
you in. 4. or. 5. weeks. oh
my Dear wife what Can
the matter be I do not kn
ow but I hope I Shall git
one Soon or I Shall think
Something awful is the
matter I have ritten you
Some 4 or 5 letters to you
and have had no answer
one of them had. 10. dollars
in money in it and anothe
er with. 5. dollars in it
which I hope you have

Ere this time I shall endeavour to write once or twice a week while we remain in Camp we have been marching so much and been so busy that I had to neglect riting but now we are in winter quarters Still we have Picket duty and Camp Guard to do many other things to do, we can see the Reb and their camps across the River they have Pickets along the River the same as we do only about 3 quarters of a mile apart there is no fiting here it is all quiet now. I have heard any thing fro my Brothers at Washington yet

I wrote for a Box I
thought if you sent
me one you might send
what you have amento
Sarah I do not want you
to go to so much trouble
as pick up our Cook-
ing utensils in the
old Camp things
that the Soldiers have
left. Jan 27 my Dear
wife I am well this
morning and hope these
lines may find
you all free from
no more at present
Sarah write often
yours Husband
Geo. D. Benedict

Rapadan. Va
February. 1. th 1864

my Dear wife I am well
at present and hope these
few lines will find you
all the same I receive
received your letter yes
terday Dated Jan 10.
and. 14 and. 25. and I was
very happy to hear from
you again you have
received all the mone
y that I sent you I
should think by your
letter, 10. dollars in one
and, 5. in the other I
intended to send. 5. dol
more but we have
been marching so mu
ch lately and some times
git out of Rations

and have by I have
used more money than
usedl I shall not be
able to send you any m
ore until I draw some
more then I will send
it rite along you wrote
to me all about the but
but I have not recei
d yet but I am looking
for it every day I will
rite you as soon as
I get it my Dear
wife you done all
things well about
the Box only I am
afraid it made you
so much trouble. Sam
to Scott is our major
and Wiley Wells is our

Captain I see the
frait on the Box is 3.4d
dollars and 14 cents I
was weighed to day and
wighed 180. pounds pounds
12 pounds heavier than
I ever did before my
dear wife I have not
forgotton you by no
means and shall not
forget you and I know
you will not forget me
I have not time to
rite ~~to~~ any more at pre
esent I will rite more
at ~~the~~ Soon Sarah my
Dear wife write often
Direct as usual
your Husband
Geo D Benedict

Sarah W. Benedict

Feb 12th 1864

[illegible] Dear wife, one this [illegible] I intend to inform you that [illegible] I hope [illegible] I did not [illegible] Charlie in Texas [illegible] and [illegible] "Bob's" 1½ and 7 cent. now that I hear from you all with the exception of one, Mary and that is Orville's [illegible] but Oh how dreary I am. Now [illegible] is a taking place I have write I received the Box all right and I feel very thankful to you for sending me so good a box. The socks are just right. Charlie wanted me to give you a description of Culpeper and our camp. Culpeper is a pretty [illegible] about twice as large as [illegible] Bolivar it lies on rolling land and was a nice place before

this was broke out it is battle
shattered and injured by the war ~~[illegible]~~
our camp is within about
5 miles of it we shall move
2 or 3 days and bivouac through
the village here are stores
shops and hotels and houses
but all as dead as door nails
our camp is on the Road
running from Culpepper to the Rap
idan and we are blockaded our
camp is on a level piece of land
in a pine grove the season
only I bit my last letter off so
short the orderly came and said
to me to go on picket and
had to leave it and be
and could not to get it
again for 3 days. Tell the
boy. Dear wife I take this opp
ortunity to inform you that I
am and have the time will
make you the same today
I am detailed on guard but
will try to write more
you in my last that I had received
all in and that I received
your letter last week and
was glad to hear but I regret
I must write a little to you
hardly know what to say to you
for I think I had written that
was necessary to my leaving
home and I will try to give you
as good advice as I can consid
ering by your mother and
[illegible] feelings as
[illegible] and be [illegible] but I am
[illegible] as [illegible] the boys
and some others of us be
[illegible] either being home

and I think she will
in writing them home with
me & tell all news which
matters you [illegible]
[illegible] I will upon also
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Rapidan Feb 24 1864

My dear wife I take
this opportunity to inform
you that I am still at
present and I hope these lines
will find you in the same. We
have just returned from picket
and we are to guard some
wounded rebels in our Regiment
we have lost two of our Company
I believe a number of rebels on
the other side of the Rapidan
but my hand is so cold I
dare not write we get out on
the fog we dismount their
horses Horses and stand on guard
our fire arms are one four
teen one Revolver one hundred
rounds of ammunition my dear
wife you need not be alarmed
and I hope these lines may
find you the same I have

not returned from a furlough
leaves near Centerville. All
the whole Brigade was out
on Review the day before yesterday
we have a lot of
experienced officers
and I am well and
hope these lines will find
you all enjoying the same
blessing. The Regiment is
mostly healthy and good
spirits. I have no war news
to write of any importance.
The jury chamber was here
the day before yesterday and
gave us twenty six days
furlough. I shall send you
two dollars in this letter
and the balance, I mean to
do with when I get home
and I have 875 Cts which I owe

my, I was so mad at Mr. H.
I shall try to send you a copy
of it. you asked me if I want you
to stay at home and keep
out of the company entirely
if I have any more complaints
of the kind I shall have
to write to some friend to
take your grandma and
I home and send mary
to you ma and have me
come home here I not
after with me asked
ted my love I don't
and leave you to what
I am going to do I
to what your own deste
nature Remember the last
letter I wrote you you
done first rate I think you

have improved very much
in writing. I want you to
write to me as often as you
can. We have had a very
dull time at Church we
had a prayer meeting last
night in our house and
it was good we talked to
more than we often do when
no more at present the
Lord bless you all
and preserve until we meet
again. Your Husband
George H. Bundick

No 6

Rapidan Headquarters Co

my Dear wife and daughter
I am well at present and hope these
few lines may find you all the same
Dear daughter I received your letter
this morning dated January the 31
and I was glad to hear from you
again that you were all well
I received the Box also this morn
ing all rite I went out on Picket
yesterday and were I came in this
morning I found the Box in my
tent all rite it had come to the
Colonel tent and my tent mates
had brought it into our tent
So you see I had no trouble with
it at all Oh Sarah my Dear
wife I feel a thousand times
oblige to you for so good a box
tell Mr Ingles that Joseph
is hear all rite he is in the
Sutlers Shop I see him about

every day except Barcl is all
right Mr Hines is well and early
brother Thorechiles is well the
weather is very fine and warm
for the season it is all quiet
hereat yet no fighting here there
is some little firing amongst the
Pickets no one been killed I do
not think we shall stay here long
the papers and other things indicate
a early move with the army and
I believe there will be something
done soon I had you have heard
from some of our friends and that
neighbours call in to see you I would
like to call and see you myself
John Adams is well and is now
at blacksmithing for the
Regiment young Bierling
ame has got his discharge and
gone home to Belfast state

has gone to Manitou a few
days Underpool discharged and
gone home we are very near to
the Railroad Running from
Rapidan to Elexandria which
is 9 miles from Washington it
brings all of our rations to us
we have to spare we sell
some to pay for our washing
and we give some to the poor
colored people there are a great
many poor Citizens that come
into our lines to get their living
nomore to day Monday
morning February 9th 1864
my dear wife I take this opportu-
nity to inform you that I am
well as presents and I hope
these lines may find you
my dear wife and children
the same we got returned
last night over from A Tuesday
Secret

amongst the Rebs we retreated
unharmed. But there was a
dreadful slaughter and shipwreck
the whole Brigade went and
our Regiment was not in the
engagement. Gen. Blenkiker

among the Rebs we returned
unharmed. But there were
some shellers and injured pilots
the whole Brigade went out
our Regiment was not in the
engagement. God's Blessing!

1 Culpeper. April 24th

My dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well at present and hope these lines may find you the same we broke Camp yesterday about 12 o'clock and and marched our Infantry mounted our horses and marched back to the Rear near Culpeper and halted and pitched our tents and who do you suppose came there to see me Brother Shmuel he came to see me as soon as he heard we had there he had not heard nor seen anything of Benjamine since I saw him the first time we are in Camp now but we expect marching orders every day we have a large number of dismounted men I dont know what they will do with them

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we have got a Beautiful Camp now but we do not expect to occupy it long

Benjamin Samuel and my self have all got into the armes of the Potomac and I hope we shall be successful often the peach trees are in full bloom and the grass has grown to very good feed it is very nice warm weather here now Sarah I cannot write any interesting news news the war has already lasted 3 years and the good Lord only knows when or how it will end but I hope for the best the Rebels are rallying and flashing every where they can they are doing their Best

Camp near Culpeper 3

April 26th 64.

My Dear wife & Children

this opportunity I embrace to write you a few lines. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you and the children in good health. I am now out on picket. There was an alarm made from our Regiment yesterday morning and we were out on the old picket line about 6 miles from Camp. The Reb have just thrown out there pleuty of them to be seen on the opposite side of the River. now they are fishing all along the bank of the River and their pickets are within 300 rods of my post

but they are very neat yet
they have all sorts of clothing
I should think very home
sick by the looks of them
the trees are leaving out
and the grass has got up
in a good bite, have just
come in off of picket feet
and eat my dinner and
now waiting we stay out
on picket, 2 days at a time
now we shall be relieved
tomorrow about noon and
go into camp which I
like cavalry much better
than infantry in some
respects, we do not have
to go afoot and carry such
heavy loads the men are
generally healthier than on we
in infantry

5 but oh we loose and
cramp a great many
Horses we cannot miss of
dead Horses in all directions
when we were marching last
summer it was nothing than
ye see Horses fall down
into the Road and could go
no further and then would
have to shoot them and let
them lay the Rebels are
fortifying all the time and
a preparing for a great
Battle I suppose April 27
my Dear wife I am well this
morning and I expect to
return to Camp today
from the Picket line and
if any other change takes
place I will write you
as soon as I can no more at
present Write Often as usual
your Husband Geo. D. Benedict

July 14

P.P.P.

Mrs. Geo. Benedict

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Ohio

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Ill.

Fredericksburg Va - 18 May 1864.

Mrs. Sarah Benedict

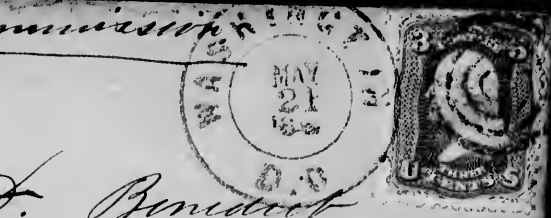
I have visited your good husband twice. He sends his love: he told me you were a blessed good woman. He loves Christ, the Saviour. I held a service in his ward this morning. He is in the house occupied once by the Mother of Gen. Washington. Your husband is comfortable: severely wounded in the shoulder and back.

Your letters at present cannot reach him. I like him very much.

Very truly your Servant for Jesus Sake, James Hall.

Episcopal Clergyman of Philadelphia - delegate of the Christian Commission.

U. S. Christian Commission



George F. Benedict
for Sarah Benedict.
Belvidere
New York.